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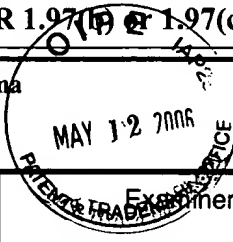
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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 06-063007, dated March 8, 1994, together with English-language Abstract.

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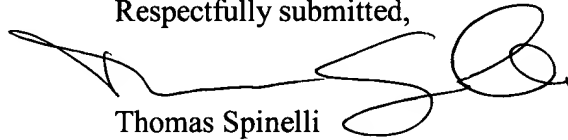
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The reference was cited in an Office Action dated April 25, 2006 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited reference, together with a copy of the Office Action. Please note the other reference cited in the Office Action, namely, Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-060791, dated February 29, 2000, was previously cited by the Examiner. The relevance of the reference is described in the Official Action.

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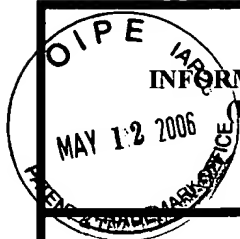
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		06-063007	3/8/1994	Japan				

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